

## 益子焼 (益子) Mashiko-Yaki (Traditional Handicrafts) in Mashiko

Mashiko is located in the southeastern part of Tochigi, and belongs to the Prefectural Nature Park which is situated in the northernmost part of the Kanto Plain. The town is known as a production center of pottery in Japan and also in the world.

In the middle of the 19th century, Keizaburo Otsuka found potter's clay at Ohtsu-sawa and built a kiln to bake it, which was the origin of Mashiko ceramics. Later at the beginning of the 20th century, a ceramist, Shoji Hamada, built a kiln in Mashiko. Since then the number of potters there has been increasing, and it now amounts to more than 380. Ceramics fairs are held every spring and autumn, and about 300,000 visitors in spring and 170,000 visitors in autumn attend.



益子焼は、いわゆる御家焼のひとつであり、1852年大塚啓三郎によって始められた。笠間の久野窯で修行し、益子の土を用いて瀬戸物を焼こうとした大塚啓三郎に、藩主大関増昭は、益子陣屋の裏山のふもと、根古屋に土地を与えた。生産量は着実に増し、1855年御用窯となった。作られたのは主に台所用の雑器であり、鬼怒川の水運を利用して江戸で販売された。

FUWARI Pottery-Making Classes  
工房風和里  
Open Pottery Class in English  
Let's try to make your original pots !  
[http://kobofuwari.web.fc2.com/class\\_e.htm](http://kobofuwari.web.fc2.com/class_e.htm)  
tel 0285-72-5266  
陶芸教室はビギナーから経験者までアットホームな雰囲気の中、作家の直接指導で製作を楽しめます。



### 益子迄のアクセス Access to Mashiko

By Train :

T X つくば駅 Tsukuba Station  
13min. ↓ つくばエクスプレス Tsukuba Express 520yen  
守谷駅 Moriya Station  
65min. ↓ 関東鉄道常総線 Kanto-tetsudo Joso Line 1,280yen  
下館駅 Shimodate Station  
65min. ↓ 真岡鐵道 Mo-oka Railway 760yen  
益子駅 Mashiko Station

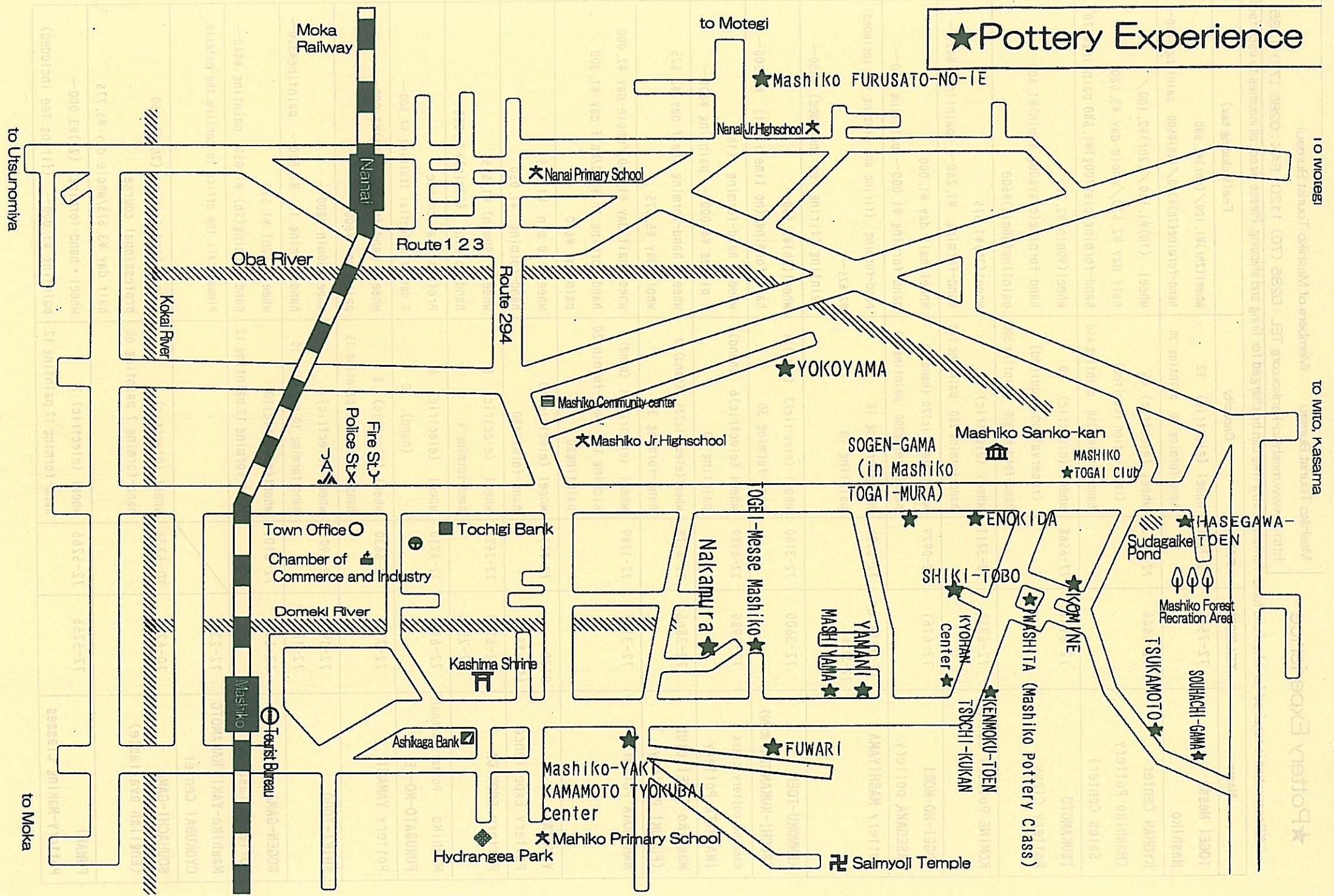
By Car : Located about 41km north of KEK.  
Driving time will be around 90minutes.

Driving a car from KEK, toward the north in the 408 line to "Tanaka" intersection , turn right in the 125 line then turn left at "Uchimachi-shita" intersection in the 14 line , The road number is changed from the 14 line to the 41 line at Ue- Ohshima). Arrives at Mashiko when you drive along the road .

車利用 : 北に約41 km、所要時間は約90分

KEKから408号線を北に走り、「田中」交差点を右折、次に「内町下」交差点を左折して14号線・41号線(上大島で41号線に変わります)を北に進みます。後は道なりに走っていくと益子に着きます。

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Mashiko Tourist Bureau

(Members of Mashiko Tourist Bureau)

<http://www.mashiko-kankou.org> TEL : 0285 (70) 1120 FAX : 0285 (72) 1135

※Reservation is required for wheel and hand-forming. Extra-fee can be charged for firing and shipping. Please direct all inquiries to each facility.

Name	TEL(0285)	FAX	Capacity	Fee (including tax)
TOGEI Messe Mashiko	72-7555	72-7600	wheel (electric) 12 hand-forming 30 painting 30	wheel (2hr)¥1,100 / (4hr)¥1,600 hand-forming(2h)¥300 / (4h)¥500 painting ¥400~
KYOHAN Center (Mashiko Pottery Sales Center)	72-4444	72-0313	wheel (electric) 45 (reservation required) hand-forming 350 painting 450	wheel (1h)¥1,580 / (2h)¥2,100 / half day ¥2,620 / whole day ¥3,680 hand-forming (clay 700g) ¥1,580 painting ¥470~
TSUKAMOTO Pottery Class	72-5151	72-6568	wheel (electric) 40 (reservation required) hand-forming 300 painting 300	wheel (90min) ¥2,700 hand-forming (clay 600g, 90min) ¥1,400 painting (30min) ¥500
KOMINE Pottery Center	72-6311	72-3211	wheel (electric) 15 hand-forming 250 painting 250	wheel (2h) ¥1,575 hand-forming ¥1,260~ painting ¥420~
TOGEI-NO-MORI	72-6161	72-0929	wheel (electric) 20 (hand) 50 hand-forming 300 painting 300	wheel half day ¥1,000 hand-forming ¥1,000~ painting 350~
HASEGAWA pottery Pottery MASHIYAMA	72-2654 or 72-3124	72-3124	hand-forming 15 painting 10	hand-forming (firing and glazing fee included) ¥2,625~ painting (firing fee included) ¥630~
KENMOKU-TOEN TSUCHI-(KUKAN(SUIT-NO-MI))	72-3600	72-3160	wheel (electric) 3 (hand) 15 hand-forming 30	wheel (2h) ¥3,500~ hand-forming (no time limit) ¥3,500~
Mashiko pottery class IWASHITA Pottery	72-4989	72-4989	wheel (electric) 6 (hand) 6 painting 30	wheel • hand-forming (1h) 2 pieces ¥4,000~ painting ¥600~
Mashiko TOGEI club (FURUKI Pottery )	72-3866	72-4178	wheel (electric) 35 (hand) 30 hand-forming 30	wheel, hand-forming half day ¥3,625 whole day ¥5,775
NAKAMURA Pottery	72-3117	72-1789	wheel (electric) 11 (hand) 1 kicking 1 hand-forming 20 painting 20	wheel half day ¥1,500 / whole day ¥2,000 hand-forming 1h ¥800 / half day ¥1,300 painting ¥600
YOKOYAMA Pottery Experience	0120- 696-864.	72-7574	wheel (electric) 40 hand-forming 80	wheel 40 min ¥1,575 hand-forming ¥1,050
Pottery ENOKIDA	72-6130	72-2528	wheel (electric) 5 hand-forming 5	wheel (90min) ¥1,575 hand-forming (90min) ¥1,050
Mashiko Pottery School FURUSATO-NO-IE	72-6101	72-4210	wheel (electric) 6 (hand) 10	Professional course 2 days residential training ¥7,500~
Pottery YAMANI	72-7772	72-6630	wheel (electric) 8 hand-forming 10 painting 15	wheel • hand-forming (1h) ¥2,000~ painting ¥600~
SHIKI-TOBO	72-1905	72-1905	wheel (electric) 4 hand-forming 10 painting 10	wheel 30min ¥800~ hand-forming 1h ¥1,500~ painting ¥300~
SOGEN-GAMA Pottery Class	72-6107	72-6107	wheel (electric) 10 hand-forming 12 painting 12	wheel (2h) ¥1,575 hand-forming (2h) ¥1,050 painting ¥640~
Mashiko-YAKI KAMAMOTO CYOKUBAI Center	72-2323			Please call the office to confirm the details.
SOUHACHI-GAMA (English available)	70-6234	70-6234	wheel (electric) 7 hand-forming 7 painting ok	wheel, hand-forming (2h) ¥1,050 professional course half day ¥3,675 / whole day ¥5,775
FUWARI Pottery-Making Classes	72-5266	72-5266	wheel (electric) 7 hand-forming 12 painting 12	wheel • hand-forming (2h) ¥3,000~ painting ¥1,000~ (firing fee included)